Amendments to the Specification

NOTE: Paragraph numbers herein refer to the application as filed; not to the paragraph numbering in the corresponding Patent Application Publication (US/2002/0091703 A1).

Replace paragraph [0027] with the following text:

[0027] The domain name monitoring and acquisition services and system described herein can be offered as a viable, independent business tool. Primary customers of a business employing the present invention would be domain name registrars and resellers (such as in a thick registry system). In this capacity, the registrars essentially would be reselling the services to their customers so as to provide the customers a more reliable way to acquire a newly available domain name. Fees could be charged for placing an acquisition request. ~~Because of the reliability of the present invention, a money-back guarantee could also be offered at low risk to the business.~~

Replace paragraph [0036] with the following text:

[0036] The front end computer **116** is coupled to an Integrated Domain Acquisition Service ("IDAS") acquisition engine and database management system **118**. The acquisition system, in turn, communicates with an Integrated Domain Acquisition Service ("IDAS") database **120**. The various elements of the system **102** can of course be implemented in various ways, using more or fewer computers than illustrated[[;]] in a distributed network. One essential characteristic is that the system should be accessible by Registrar **100** at all times, and preferably accessible to many registrars. This is the primary function of the right side of the diagram, comprising the Global Registry front end **110,** the Global Registry database management system **112,** and the Global Registry SRS database **114**.

Replace paragraph [0038] with the following text:

[0038] Figure 1 illustrates the following data paths:

"A" The current (typically SSL) RRP communications channel connecting the Registrar **100** to the Registry System **102** via the global registry RRP front end **110**.

"B" Any communications paths between the RRP front end **110** and the database processing environment **112** for the Shared Registration System.

"C" Any communications paths between the ~~database processing environment~~ Global Registry Management System **112** for the Shared Registration System and the actual SRS database **114**.

"D" The (preferably SSL EPP) communications channel connecting the Registrar **100** to the IDAS front end **116**.

"E" A communications channel connecting the IDAS front end **116** to the ~~DAS~~ IDAS acquisition engine and database management system **118**.

"F" A communications channel connecting the IDAS Acquisition Engine and Database Management System **118** to the IDAS database **120**.

"G" A communications channel from the Global Registry ~~SRS database~~ Management System **112** enabling notification of deleting domains to the IDAS Acquisition Engine and database management system **118**.

"H" A communications channel between the Global Registry SRS database Management System **112** and the IDAS Acquisition Engine and database management system **118**.

Replace paragraph [0039] with the following text:

[0039] These links implement the necessary access to the ~~RRP/SRS~~ Global Registry Management System (**112**) to issue commands needed to register desired domains on a Registrar's behalf. "Desired domains" are the names stored in database **120** to be monitored and acquired if and when available. Commands for this channel preferably should include RRP "check domain," RRP "add domain," RRP "modify domain commands," and possibly other commands necessary to modify the SRS Registrar field.

Replace paragraph [0040] with the following text:

[0040] Figure 2, which illustrates a procedure for a Registrar to obtain a IDAS subscription, is as follows. A customer **200** makes a request **202** to a Registrar **100** for DAS service. In a presently preferred embodiment, the Registrar establishes an EPP or similar connection to the IDAS front end and issues a "DAS check request" **204**. ~~The~~ Responsive to the "DAS check

request" the IDAS Frontend **116** will query the ~~RRP/SRS **206**~~ Global Registry SRS Database **114** ("RRP Check Domain" 206) for the current SRS status of the second level domain name (SLD). If the domain name is currently registered, signified by a message **210**, it is eligible for a DAS subscription. The Registrar can then issue a valid "DAS add request" **212**. The front end **116** causes an appropriate entry in the IDAS database (see Figure 1). When the requested domain name becomes available, the IDAS system sends an "Acknowledge DAS Success" or similar message **214** to the Registrar that requested the service. That registrar then notifies its customer **200**, shown as message **220**, typically via email.

Replace paragraph [0045] with the following text:

[0045] If an IDAS subscription does not exist in the IDAS database for the domain name identified in the "pending delete" notification, the Acquisition Engine simply replies with an acknowledgement **316** to the Registry, and purging of the name proceeds. No attempt to register the domain name is made by the Acquisition Engine. All registrars, including registrars other than **100,** will learn of the deletion when they next update their records against the SRS database, and are free to register the purged name[[;]] in the conventional manner. As may be observed in view of this description, no registrar will beat registrar **100** in registering the newly released name, as registrar **100** is using the DAS system integrated with the registry itself.